

environmental sensitivity, and the nature of the spilled oil all have to be taken into account in determining which spill cleanup methods minimize overall environmental impacts. For these reasons, it is highly unlikely that preauthorization would ever be issued for all navigable waters within Region 6 as you have requested. Instead, decisions on the use of your product, pending a request for concurrence from a FOOSC, would more likely be made on a case by case basis, and would involve consideration of the full range of available cleanup methods, with the goal of minimizing overall environmental damage.

If you have any questions or would like additional information, please feel free to contact me or Mr. Jim Staves or my staff at 214-789-3417, or you can email Mr. Staves at, [Staves.james@epa.gov](mailto:Staves.james@epa.gov).

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ragan Broyles". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Ragan Broyles, Associate Director  
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